

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims of the above-identified application, prior to calculation of the filing fee, to delete multiple dependency in the claims.

Specifically, each of claims 15 and 16 has been amended to be dependent on claim 1, rather than on any one of claims 1-14.

Moreover, in light of the canceling of multiple dependency, Applicants are adding new claims 24-53 to the application. These new claims 24-53 variously recite subject matter expressly set forth in claims 15-23, and are singly dependent claims within the scope of the multiple dependent claims as originally filed.

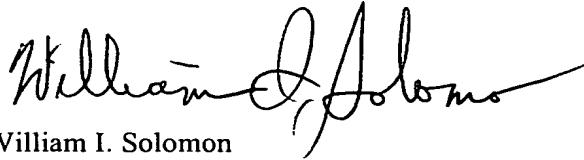
Entry of the present amendments, prior to calculation of the filing fee, and examination of the above-identified application in due course, are respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **“Version with markings to show changes made.”**

To the extent necessary, Applicant(s) petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account of Antonelli,

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Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKSING TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the claims:

Claim 15 has been amended as follows:

15. (Amended) A method for forming a low-permittivity film which comprises applying the composition according to [any one of Claims] Claim 1 [to 14] to a substrate to form a composite film comprising the thermally decomposable polymer and the siloxane oligomer evenly compatibilized therewith, and then heating the resulting film to condense the siloxane oligomer and remove the thermally decomposable polymer.

Claim 16 has been amended as follows:

16. (Amended) A method for forming a low-permittivity film which comprises applying the composition according to [any one of Claims] Claim 1 [to 14] to a substrate to form a composite film comprising the thermally decomposable polymer and the siloxane oligomer evenly compatibilized therewith, subsequently conducting a first heating step in which the siloxane oligomer is crosslinked while keeping the thermally decomposable polymer remaining in the film, and then conducting a second heating step in which the thermally decomposable polymer is removed.